

## HAPPENINGS IN ILLINOIS CITIES AND TOWNS

### COUPLE ELOPE JUST FOR ROMANCE

A youthful Missouri Lovers Arrive Early for Marriage License and the Knot Is Se-curely Tied.

George Beckmeyer, aged 21, and Miss Blanche Whitaker, aged 19, both of Winfield, Mo., were married in East St. Louis yesterday. Justice Braggs presided at the nuptial knot. The young couple called at the office of Clerk Caughan at a very early hour, and, finding him at his place of business, hurried from the building and scampered up and down the street for half an hour.

Then they leisurely strolled back and finally entered the office. The young man made a perfect song of the names which would lead up to the business in hand. He said that his name was Beckmeyer, and that the girl's name was Whitaker, and that both were of age, and that he had been separated from his parents before Caughan could say "good morning."

In view of the fact that the prospective bridegroom to announce his pedigree, Mr. Caughan became suspicious and asked several leading questions.

The young pair went far as to say that they often call each other by their first names, and the long-distance phone and newspaper had told them that everything was straight, so he looked old enough to marry, and Caughan accommodated them with the coveted license.

Miss Whitaker then stated that the couple desired to get away from the town to have a touch of privacy to the infant and also to avoid the trouble of explaining matters to the young people in the section about which she extended her remarks.

They said they would hurry back to their Missouri home and go to housekeeping. After thinking the matter over, he extended an invitation to him and all other attaches of the court to call upon her and her husband if they ever visited the town of Winfield.

### ST. CLAIR AND MADISON BAR GREET JUDGE WRIGHT.

Courtroom at East St. Louis Decorated and Magistrate Welcomed by Lawyers.

The last St. Louis division of the Federal court for the Eastern District of Illinois convened yesterday at the Metropolitan building. Judge Francis M. Wright of Chicago presided. Dan M. Hogan of Mount Cuba is the clerk and Charles P. Hiltch of Paris is the marshal in charge.

Judge Wright was met at the relay depot by a delegation of lawyers of St. Clair and Madison counties headed by Congressman W. A. Hohenberg, and expected the arrival of the members of the bar, who had prepared a general program for the initial term, but it was not carried out. The room was tastefully decorated and elegantly arranged.

Speeches were made by Congressman Hodges, Judge H. B. Barrington, A. K. Miller, George A. Cross and others. Mayor Wright responded in a happy vein, in which he highly complimented the members of the bar and the citizens of Alton.

Mr. Lesser is a former Alderman and is a member of the Alton Board of Education. He and the members of his family are well known throughout Alton.

#### ALTON NEWS NOTES AND PERSONAL.

In the City Court to-morrow a motion will be argued in the final trial in the case of J. W. Allen, found guilty of assault with intent to kill. Mrs. H. S. Gilmore, of Gilmore, will come over from Edwardsburg on Saturday to attend the trial.

Frank V. Neessel of Chicago will arrive in Alton to-morrow with plans and designs for the remodeling of Hotel Madison, with a view to purchase the hotel and make it an up-to-date hostelry.

Commercial Travellers of Alton will go to Birmingham in a body Saturday to attend the State convention, which will be held there.

W. R. DeMoulinous and children went to Springfield, Ill., yesterday to attend the annual meeting of a relates.

The following orders were recalled by the Fourth League of the First M. E. Church Sunday evening: President, Miss Mabel Clement; Vice-President, Miss Mary Johnson; third president, Mrs. M. H. Powers, fourth the Rev. Dr. W. H. Powers; fifth, Mr. Andrew Springer, treasurer, Miss Mary Stanton.

Mrs. Anna England will be tried in the Circuit Court to-morrow morning on a charge of selling liquor without a license. Mrs. Springer, treasurer, Miss Mary Stanton.

Miss Dorothy Henley, who spent the last month at home to-day for New York, where she will go to Germany, a farewells to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Chapman, in Jacksonville yesterday.

James Wilson, a merchant at Spokane, Ill., was in that place yesterday morning.

T. F. Reid, president of the Red Tie Company at Elkhorn, Mo., was a visitor here Monday.

An address on India was delivered at the First M. E. Church by the Rev. Dr. W. F. Hopkins, a returned missionary from India.

Frank Fields is a prisoner in the St. Clair County jail in Belleville for thirty days, because he has been beating his way on the Illinois Central trains for the past ten days. The three charges against the man are robbery, assault and battery.

Fields is known as the professional train robber among the railroad men. He has been robbing the cars of the Illinois Central Railroad in the yards at Belleville. For the past ten days Detective Baehr has been searching for the man, and on Friday did he succeed in effecting his arrest.

When taken into custody the man was lying under a pile of coal in a tender of a freight car during an excursion train. He entered a pile of ashes before Justice Wangelin and was given thirty days at hard labor.

**GIRLS' ABSENCE CAUSES ALARM.**  
But She Was Only Visiting a Friend, She Says.

The disappearance of Miss Loretta Page, aged 17, of No. 100 St. Louis avenue, was known yesterday by the parents of the girl, but it seems that a few hours after the report came to them the girl was located at the home of a friend.

She explained that she believed that she had made her departure for an extended visit to her sister, who she completely forgot to inform her mother.

The case of Miss Page, who disappeared and much work was caused. Miss Page had a pocketbook containing \$36 and several valuable papers stolen from him by a pickpocket.

He did not report the facts to the police, thinking that the man who robbed him had left to follow the circus. His surprise came when he learned that Miss Page, and her friend Henry Vogel, a cakewalk dancer, were appearing at the Fair Grounds where the circus gave its performance, called on Mr. Rhein and Vogel to his pocketbook containing the valuable papers, but nothing was found.

Mr. Vogel stated that he had found the pocketbook in his yard on Sunday. Mr. Rhein does not mind the loss of the money since he has secured possession of the papers.

**BURKE PERJURY CASE CONTINUED.**  
Mother Charges Son-in-Law With Making False Affidavit When He Married.

The examination of T. J. Bachr of St. Louis, who was charged with perjury by Mrs. Ross Grossman some time ago, was continued in Judge Driscoll's court yesterday.

Miss Grossman claims that the young man made a false affidavit as to the age of his daughter when he secured a marriage license, in order to marry her. She also claims that he was only swearing to his own age when he made the oath as to the qualifications of the parties previous to the issuance of the license. The case will be heard on Monday next.

**LARGE ATTENDANCE IS EXPECTED.**  
Novel Contests Arranged for Horse Show for Benefit of Hospital.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the Horse Show, which will be given at the pavilion at the National Stock Yard Friday night for the benefit of Henrietta Hospital, declare that the attendance will be very large.

The committee is anxious that the show will be a success. None of the features of the average Wild West will be presented, but some of the best riders will take part in the contests. The whole program is now being arranged.

Belleville News Notes.

—A. H. Nichols and Miss Stella Davison, both of St. Louis, were married yesterday afternoon by Magistrate Fred W. Kraft, in Nichols' office. The captain wife and the bridegroom are George S. Knight and Joseph F. Nichols, Jr., and Joseph F. Nichols, Jr.

—Mrs. J. Hathaway of Fort Ethan Allen, Va., the mother of Miss Mary Hough, was granted the order that burglar attempted to enter his home early yesterday morning.

—The 10th Annual St. Louis Dog Show, to be held at the Illinois Central Hall, will be held in a hall to be erected on Sunday afternoon, recovering at the St. Elizabeth Hospital.

### STORM FRIGHT FATAL TO WOMAN

Mrs. James Martin of Edwardsville Fails to Recover From Effects of Hysterics.

Mrs. Martin, wife of James Martin, an engineer of the McKinley Interurban system, died Sunday afternoon at Edwardsville, from the effects of fright caused by an electrical display, accompanying a storm.

The Martin family arrived in Edwardsville May 2, and took a front room at the Pfeiffer Hotel. The very next afternoon there was a terrific thunderstorm. The lightning flashes were intense and frequent. Mrs. Martin was peculiarly liable to such influences, went into hysterics.

The efforts of physicians to remove the effects of the shock were vain.

The body was taken to St. Louis last night and will be buried in Calvary Cemetery. Mrs. Martin was a native of Belleville, Ill., and had resided in the city two years ago, when she removed to St. Louis.

#### BOHEMIANS AT EDWARDSVILLE.

Silver Anniversary of St. John of Nepomuk Society Observed.

Bohemians from many cities gathered at Edwardsville Sunday to take part in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the St. John of Nepomuk Society. Delegations were on hand from St. Louis, East St. Louis, Belleville, Collinsville, Glen Carbon and Maryville.

Mass at St. Mary's Church commenced the exercises. The Reverend Father Kolbeck of Chicago, a member of the Bohemian Society, delivered a sermon in his native language.

The remainder of the day open house was kept at the hotel hall on Park street. The afternoon was given over to socializing.

Mass was said at the church at 10 o'clock, followed by a service of the Bohemian Society.

—Mrs. E. H. Haynes will entertain the Ladies Literary Circle with a lecture ride Thursday evening.

—Miss M. W. Zimmerman of Peoria will entertain the members of the Elks Club Saturday.

The members of the Ladies' Literary Circle of the Sacred Heart will present the Broadway Review with the aid of the stage Wednesday evening.

—Mrs. E. H. Haynes will return from a visit to Marion, Ill.

—Miss E. P. Layton

—Mrs. J. H. Beckmeyer, of Winfield, Ill., and Charles H. Beckmeyer, of Winfield, Ill., are the parents of the deceased.

—Miss M. W. Zimmerman of Peoria will extend an invitation to him and all other attaches of the court to call upon her and her husband if they ever visited the town of Winfield.

—The Beckmeiers and a party of friends

were present at the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reed, who were married at the Hotel Madison, on Park street, on May 11.

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